

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

**Tusla I.D:** TU2025OY001

**Name of Service:** Just 4 Kids Crèche

**Address of Service:** Kilmalogue Park, Tullamore Rd,  
Portarlinton, Offaly, R32 CP80

**Email Address:** just4kidsmontessori@gmail.com

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Catriona Robinson

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Sessional</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Proposed service type:** Full Day Care

**Proposed Number of Children:** 40

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection**  
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)

- Full Day Care
- 40 children
- Age 0-6
- 07:45 – 17:45

**Registered service:**

**Date of Inspection:** 2 0 0 3 2 0 2 5

**Inspection Undertaken by:** K. Murphy & R. Flynn

**Title:** Early Years Inspectors

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspectorate,  
Tusla, Child and Family Agency,  
Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue,  
Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

**Rationale for Inspection**

**Proposed New Service**

**Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office**

**Registration Status:** Registered for Full Day Care / Sessional Service for 40 children

**Date of Registration:** 28th March 2025

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### Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(D) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

<b>Description of Service</b>	The age range of children that the service is proposing to accommodate is 0 to 6 years of age. The service is proposing to operate a full day care service on a Monday to Friday basis. The proposed service is part of a multiple operated by an independent provider.
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The proposed premises for the Early Years' Service is located in a single storey purposely adapted premises. An outdoor play area is attached to the rear of the proposed service.</p> <p>Onsite parking and set down facilities are provided. The proposed new premises is located in a residential area on the outskirts of the town of Portarlington, County Offaly. A refurbishment has taken place and three pre-school rooms, sanitary accommodation, a sleep room, a kitchen and an office are provided as part of the new service application.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	On 20 March 2025 the proposed registered provider and the proposed designated person in charge facilitated the inspection.
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>The inspection was an announced inspection to assess compliance with the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under four themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the Child, Safety and Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff are documented in the inspection report and taken into consideration when making a decision in relation to the registering application. The Inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including: clarity; completeness; and, compliance with administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.</p>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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### Part III - Management and Staff

#### Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that—  
(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service has a named designated person in charge with another named staff member able to deputise as required.

### Part III - Management and Staff

#### Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Provision is in place to meet the necessary adult to child ratios for children proposing to attend on a full day care basis.

### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—  
(a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and  
(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.
- (3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph applies, shall ensure that—  
(a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>Suitable and adequate play and work equipment are provided indoors and outdoors which incorporate areas with toys and equipment for arts and crafts, home corners, interest areas, sensory and tabletop activities.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>A separate sleep room is available and equipped with seven cots to accommodate the sleep needs of children under the age of two proposing to attend. Thirteen low level beds are provided for children over the age of two proposing to attend on a full day care basis who require sleep or rest. Soft furnishings provide suitable and adequate rest facilities in the pre-school rooms.</p> <p>(3)(a)</p> <p>An outdoor area is attached to the rear of the service which can be accessed directly via a door from each pre-school room. A high-level metal fence and concrete wall secures the perimeter of the outdoor play area. Secure wooden gates are at either side of the premises. A variety of play equipment and outdoor toys are available.</p>
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### Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

#### Regulation 22 – Food and Drink

*A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A separate kitchen is provided. Meals and snacks for children proposing to attend are to be prepared fresh on site. Refrigerated storage facilities are available.</p>
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### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 23 - *Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child*

*A registered provider shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of a pre-school child attending the service and that the environment of the service is safe.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The entrance door into the service was secure. The emergency exit doors were unobstructed. A designated fire assembly point is located to the front of the premises. The kitchen is inaccessible to children. Cleaning materials are stored out of children’s reach.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 25 – First Aid

- (1) *A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) *A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—*
- (a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and*
  - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Two adults qualified in first aid response (FAR) are rostered to be on duty during the hours of operation.

(2)(a)(b)

A first aid cabinet and box stocked with sufficient supplies were located in the entrance hall.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
  - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

Provision is in place to record completed monthly fire drills in the premises.

(b)

A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the smoke alarms on the premises and dated January 2025. A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the fire extinguishers on the premises and dated January 2025.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in the entrance hall.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

*A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.*

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the registration team prior to this inspection. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. Approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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### Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

#### Regulation 29 – Premises

*A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are—*

- (a) of sound and stable structure,*
- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(a)

The main premises which have been in existence for several years visually appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The main door to the service is secured. A bell is used to alert staff to facilitate entry upon identification.

(c)

In the pre-school rooms high level and standard level openable windows provide both natural light and ventilation.

The light fittings were covered and fully operational to provide adequate artificial light to the pre-school rooms and the sanitary accommodation.

An electric storage heating system is currently in place in the service. An environmental temperature of approximately 18 degrees Celsius was recorded in both the pre-school rooms and the sanitary accommodation.

Wastewater and sewage are removed from the premises by means of the public drainage system.

Potable drinking water is supplied to the premises by means of the public water supply.

(d)

The floors and walls were in a good state of repair and maintenance. A cleaning schedule was available for the service and records were in place. A pest control system is in place with bait boxes reviewed by an external pest control company on a scheduled basis.

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Waste and refuse are removed daily to externally located and secure closed bins. A contractor for the collection of refuse bins has been engaged by the service to collect refuse from the premises on a scheduled basis.

(e)

The required sanitary facilities have been provided.

Two water closets and two wash hand basins have been provided in individual sanitary accommodation on the main corridor.

A nappy changing area has been provided and equipped with two wash hand basins and one nappy changing counter with two nappy changing mats, this is an interim measure until a single nappy changing unit and wash hand basin are installed in the staff sanitary accommodation to afford adequate space and privacy to children during nappy changing.

The sanitary accommodation and nappy changing area are ventilated by means of mechanical ventilation and openable windows.

All sanitary accommodation is stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towel.

The wash hand basins are plumbed with an instantaneous supply of hot and cold water. Separate sanitary facilities are available and designated for staff use.

**Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements**

**Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements**

- (1) *Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) *A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.*

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Floor space for the work, play and movement of forty children aged 0-6 years proposing to attend is available.

(2)

Pre-school room 1, with an area of approximately 47 m<sup>2</sup> in line with the floor plans submitted ensures that sufficient clear floor space is available in respect of 20 children aged 3 - 6 years to attend on a full day care basis.

Pre-school room 2, with an area of approximately 31 m<sup>2</sup> in line with the floor plans submitted ensures that sufficient clear floor space is available in respect of 12 children aged 2 - 3 years to attend on a full day care basis.

Pre-school room 3, with an area of approximately 25 m<sup>2</sup> in line with the floor plans submitted ensures that sufficient clear floor space is available in respect of 3 children aged 0 - 3 years and 5 children aged 1- 2 years to attend on a full day care basis.